

# Hungering For Holiness

"Pleasing God", Part 3 of 6  
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*"Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord."* (Hebrews 12:14, NIV)

*"Because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God..."*  
(Romans 14:18a, NIV)

## To Satisfy A Hunger For Holiness We Must...

### I) \_\_GLADLY ANSWER\_\_ GOD'S CALL TO HOLINESS.

*"I am the LORD your God; consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am holy... I am the LORD who brought you up out of Egypt to be your God; therefore be holy, because I am holy."*  
(Leviticus 11:44-45, NIV)

*"For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life."*  
(1 Thessalonians 4:7, NIV)

### II) \_\_OVERCOME\_\_ THE CHALLENGES TO HOLINESS.

*"God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered over the desert... Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: 'The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in pagan revelry.' We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. We should not test the Lord, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel. These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come. So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!"*  
(1 Corinthians 10:5, 7-12, NIV)

## Four Big Challenges To Holiness

- 1) \_\_IDOLATRY\_\_: Putting anything else above or before God.
- 2) \_\_SEXUAL IMMORALITY\_\_: Ignoring God's standard for sex.
- 3) \_\_TESTING GOD\_\_: Rejecting God's right to rule our lives.
- 4) \_\_GRUMBLING\_\_: Gossiping and bashing God's leaders.

### III) \_FULLY PURSUE\_ THE CHARACTER OF HOLINESS.

#### Responding to a holy, righteous, and just God

- 1) \_\_CELEBRATE\_\_ God's holiness with Him.

*"Let them praise your great and awesome name— he is holy... Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his holy mountain, for the Lord our God is holy."*  
(Psalm 99:3&9, NIV)

- 2) \_\_EMULATE\_\_ God's holiness in your life.

*"But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: 'Be holy, because I am holy.'"*  
(1 Peter 1:15-16, NIV)

- 3) \_\_DEMONSTRATE\_\_ God's holiness to others.

*"You are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we were among you who believed."*  
(1 Thessalonians 2:10, NIV)

*"The Lord is in his holy temple; the Lord is on his heavenly throne. He observes the sons of men; his eyes examine them."*  
(Psalm 11:4, NIV)

*"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."*  
(Matthew 5:6, NIV)